Energizing Entrepreneurs, a statewide conference for entrepreneurs in rural communities, is designed to inspire and provide resources for anyone who wants to start or support a small business in their rural community. High School students are encouraged to attend at no cost (meals not provided).

**Keynote Speakers**

**Edie Ramstad**

Ramstad is the founder of Weave Got Maille, a manufacturer of chain maille supplies. The company has dabbled in prop and costume work, crafting pieces for the HBO series Game of Thrones. Mostly though, Ramstad and her 16 employees produce jump rings, the tiny metal hoops from which maille is woven, as well as clasps, ear wires and other materials for chain maille jewelry making.

**Scott Bintz**

Bintz is the founder of RealTruck.com, an online truck accessories store that grew from his basement to more $100 million in sales, while receiving numerous customer service awards. His newest venture, Red Headed Rebel, is a consulting company that advises on business strategy, e-commerce, digital marketing and building positive work culture.